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SUBJECT: US-USSR COOPERATIVE AVIATION PROGRAM

1. IN JULY 11 MEETING WITH MKRTUMOV AND ALEKSEEV OF USSR EMBASSY, COMMERCE ACTING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOWDEN ADVISED SOVIETS OF FURTHER REFINEMENT US GUIDELINES REGARDING COOPERATIVE AIRCRAFT DESIGN EFFORT.

2. BOWDEN INFORMED MKRTUMOV AND ALEKSEEV THAT COOPERATIVE DESIGN OF DERIVATIVE AIRCRAFT, I.E. MODIFICATION OF EXISTING MODEL US AIRCRAFT, NOT INVOLVING NEW GENERATION TECHNOLOGY, PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.

3. BOWDEN ADVISED SOVIETS THAT SAME GUIDANCE HAD EARLIER BEEN PROVIDED TO EACH OF THREE MAJOR AEROSPACE COMPANIES (COPY OF ADVISORY LETTERS POUCHED SEPARATELY) AND EMPHASIZED CLOSE GOVERNMENT-INDUSTRY COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS PROJECT. TO FURTHER ENSURE CLARITY, BOWDEN PROVIDED MKRTUMOV WITH NON-PAPER STATEMENT OF U.S. POSITION. TEXT FOLLOWS: QUOTE
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DURING THE COURSE OF MINISTER PATOLICHEV'S VISIT TO THE

UNITED STATES IN FEBRUARY, THE SUBJECT OF SOVIET INTEREST IN ACQUIRING US COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT AND ENGAGING IN COOPERATIVE VENTURES WITH US AEROSPACE COMPANIES IN AIRCRAFT DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING WAS DISCUSSED WITH SECRETARY OF TREASURY SCHULTZ AND OTHER US OFFICIALS. THE US GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THIS CONTEMPLATED UNDERTAKING WAS EXPRESSED TO MR. PATOLICHEV. A QUESTION HAS RECENTLY ARISEN AS TO OUR POSITION RESPECTING THE JOINT DESIGN OF A DERIVATIVE OF AN EXISTING AIRCRAFT, SUCH AS DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF THE 747, L-1011, OR DC-10. SINCE THIS WAS NOT EXPLICITLY ADDRESSED IN THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE, I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT AN UNDERTAKING OF THIS TYPE WOULD PRESENT PROBLEMS TO THE US GOVERNMENT OF SUCH A CHARACTER AS TO MAKE IT DOUBTFUL THAT WE COULD APPROVE US COMPANY PARTICIPATION IN IT. END QUOTE.

4. BOWDEN ASKED THAT FOREGOING BE CONVEYED TO SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTER OF AVIATION INDUSTRY KADYSHEV, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF SCST GVISHIANI AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS. KISSINGER

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